

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2006 meeting.

Representative Hildenbrand supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4575 and HB 5709 before the committee.

HB 4575 Vander Veen Education; financing; purposes for which sinking funds may be used; revise to include purposes for which bonds may be issued.

HB 5709 Casperson Education; financing; purposes for which sinking funds may be used; revise.

Representatives Vander Veen and Casperson testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.

Jon Haindl and Terry Brooks, representing Big Bay de Noc Schools, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Bill Peltier, representing the Moran Township Schools, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Claude Siders, representing North Dickinson County Schools, testified in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Rich Studley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

Scott Watkins, representing Anderson Economic Group, testified in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709.*

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709, but due to time were not able to speak:

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools,

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators,

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709, but due to time were not able to speak:

Rose Bogaert, a Wayne County resident,
Bill McMaster, representing the Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation.

Ken Brown, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 4575 and HB 5709, but due to time was not able to speak.*

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4575 and HB 5709, but did not wish to speak:

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,
Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency,
Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association,
Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Intermediate School Districts of Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Ottawa,
Dave Ladd, representing the Northern Michigan School Legislative Association.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 5709, but did not wish to speak:

Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses,
Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association,
Barry Cargill, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan,
Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors,
Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Hotel, Motel, and Resort Association,
Andy Deloney, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association,
Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 4575, but did not wish to speak.

The committee took no further action on HB 4575 and HB 5709.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:30 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
May 24, 2006
2 hours

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.